

As the President of the Orange County Pilots Association I would like to respond to the proposed airspace modification on behalf of our membership. Orange County Airport is home to over 200 general aviation aircraft which many depend on travel along the coast to San Diego on a regular basis.

At our June 6th monthly meeting we discussed the proposal and we unanimously agree that the modification as proposed would negatively impact all pilots who fly between San Diego area airports and locations to the north. We all support the Marine's need for effective training and appreciate the unique location of the base. Accordingly we respectfully suggest that the proposed restricted airspace be modified to accommodate the considerable air traffic along V-23. I am sure live firing and other hazardous training will not be conducted in the vicinity of Interstate 5. Since V-23 roughly follows the path of Interstate 5 we would propose a corridor that allows operations as normal along V-23 while allowing for modification of airspace to either side. Since so many general aviation pilots depend on regular travel along V-23 our organization strongly suggests finding an alternative that will not affect air transportation along this heavily utilized route.

The Pilots who were in attendance at our May 6, 2004 meeting and stand behind our position are:

Fred Fourcher, President  
Raymond Hecker, Secretary  
Henry Arjad  
Tom Banks  
Ed Black  
William Bonney  
Chuck Chappell  
Michelle Davison  
Norman Ellis  
Ken Evans  
Garry Felker  
Joe Finnell  
Fred Fong  
Richard Goetjen  
Tim Hathaway  
Ray Hecker  
Greg Holland  
Richard Howell  
Chuck Kelly  
Gaurav Lachhwani  
Heinoa Moeler  
Samantha Morris  
Larry O'Brien  
Peter Peterson  
Brandy Raphael  
Tim Reynolds  
Horacio Rodriguez  
Vincent Rossini  
Ed Solomon  
Steve Sprinz  
James Sugden  
Jay Talley  
Ray Tedford  
Steve Toth  
Tom Turnbull

Bill Turner  
Dale Chinery